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SUBJECT: JAPANESE LOAN OF 130 MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE
SEVEN MAJOR PROJECTS IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK A-24 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCED AIRGRAM REPORTS THAT A LOAN AGREEMENT FOR
130 MILLION DOLLARS BETWEEN THE GOJ AND RTG IS IN
PREPARATION AND TO BE CONCLUDED BY END OF MARCH. THE
LOAN WILL BE ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS AND IS FOR THE
FOLLOWING SEVEN MAJOR PROJECTS: 1) EGAT'S COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM; 2) THE DIN DAENG - THA RUA (BANGKOK PORT)

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EXPRESSWAY; 3) THE PHITSANULOK - DENCHAI HIGHWAY;
4) THE SAM YAK SRA KRATHIAM - KANCHANABURI HIGHWAY;
5) THE TELEPHONE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; 6) SMALL SCALE
IRRIGATION SYSTEMS; AND 7) ACCELERATED PRODUCTIVITY
ROAD NETWORKS.

2. WE WOULD BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER

THESE LOANS WILL BE UNTIED. AS ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE AWARE
WE HAVE URGED JAPANESE TO EXPAND BUT ALSO TO UNTIE THEIR
DEVELOPMENT AID. SPECIFICALLY WE RAISED WITH GOJ
UNTYING OF CONCESSIONAL LOANS TO MALAYSIA TO WHICH
RESPONSE WAS THAT THOSE LOANS ARE UNTIED IN SENSE THAT

MALAYSIAN PROCUREMENT WOULD BE ON BASIS OF OPEN
COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND LOAN WOULD BE USED WHERE
JAPANESE FIRMS WIN CONTRACT. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT
CONSIDER MALAYSIAN ARRANGEMENT AS SATISFACTORY IT WOULD
BE EVEN MORE UNSATISFACTORY IF THAT SYSTEM WOULD APPLY
TO SPECIFIC LOAN PROJECTS AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED
AIRGRAM.

3. FOR BANGKOK: REQUEST EMBASSY TO INQUIRE FROM RTG
WHETHER IMPENDING LOAN AGREEMENT WILL BE UNTIED AND
WHETHER IT WILL PERMIT COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONAL
BIDDING AND, IF EMBASSY DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, TO POINT
OUT TO RTG BENEFITS OF UNTIED AID AND INDICATE THAT
USG HAS BEEN URGING GOJ TO UNTIE ITS ASSISTANCE.

4. FOR TOKYO: REQUEST EMBASSY TO TAKE UP SPECIFIC
MATTER OF GOJ LOAN TO THAILAND AND MORE GENERALLY
URGE AGAIN THAT GOJ SHOULD UNTIE ITS DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE.

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